of the symbol 41 and the number of the particular CD corresponding to the icon (step S4). In the case, the main CPU 20 blinks the icon of the symbol 41 and notifies the user that the corresponding particular CD is selected (step S5).

[0034] Then, as shown in FIG. 3c, when the user drags (moves) in a direction of an arrow of the drawing with the icon of the symbol 41 touched with the finger 5 as a predetermined movement operation, the main CPU 20 moves a display position of the icon of the symbol 41 in response to the movement operation (step S6 to step S8). In the case, an icon whose contrast is weakened (the degree of display is decreased) may be displayed in the original display position of the icon of the symbol 41.

[0035] As shown in FIG. 3d, when the user moves the finger 5 in a touch state to an icon of the symbol 42 and stops the drag, a display position of the icon of the symbol 41 overlaps with a display position of the icon of the symbol 42. When the main CPU 20 detects a stop of the drag (step S9) and further detects that the stop position is located on the symbol 42 (step S10), as shown in FIG. 3e, the main CPU 20 blinks the icon of the symbol 42 and notifies the user that the details of the control of the icon of the symbol 42 are executed (step S11). Then, the main CPU 20 loads the selected particular CD (step S12) and executes repeat reproduction of the CD (step S13).

[0036] In the embodiment, the CPU 20 executes the details of the control (repeat reproduction) when the CPU 20 detects that the display position of the first symbol (icon of the symbol 41) overlaps the display position of the second symbol (icon of the symbol 42) at a time the movement operation has stopped (i.e. when the CPU 20 detects a stop of the drag operation). However, the CPU 20 may configured to execute the details of the control when the CPU 20 detects a drop operation in which the finger has moved away from the touch sensor 4a in a condition where the display position of the first symbol overlaps the display position of the second symbol.

[0037] FIGS. 5a through 5e are diagrams showing an operating procedure of the case of controlling the CD changer device 13 in a second embodiment. Incidentally, control processing performed by the main CPU 20 in the second embodiment is nearly equal to control processing of the first embodiment shown in FIG. 4, so that a flowchart is omitted.

[0038] As shown in FIG. 5a, a symbol 43 (corresponding to a first symbol) and a symbol 42 (corresponding to a second symbol) are displayed on a screen of the display touch sensor 4. The symbol 43 is plural icons showing plural CDs (six in the case) which are control objects. Also, the symbol 42 is an icon showing repeat reproduction which is details of the control in a manner similar to the first embodiment.

[0039] As shown in FIG. 5b, when a user touches one icon (icon of the second CD in the case) of the symbol 43 with a finger 5 for a predetermined time (for example, two or three seconds) or longer as a predetermined instruction operation, the main CPU 20 detects the instruction operation through the touch sensor 4a and the interface circuit 30, and selects the icon of the symbol 43 and the number of the particular CD corresponding to the icon. In the case, the main CPU 20 blinks the corresponding icon of the symbol 43 and notifies the user that the corresponding particular CD is selected.

[0040] Then, as shown in FIG. 5c, when the user drags (moves) in a direction of an arrow of the drawing with the selected icon touched with the finger 5 as a predetermined movement operation, the main CPU 20 moves a display position of the icon in response to the movement operation. In the case, an icon whose contrast is weakened may be displayed in the original display position of the icon.

[0041] As shown in FIG. 5d, when the user moves the finger 5 in a touch state to an icon of the symbol 42 and stops the drag, a display position of the selected icon of the symbol 43 overlaps with a display position of the icon of the symbol 42. When the main CPU 20 detects a stop of the drag and further detects that the stop position is located on the symbol 42, as shown in FIG. 5e, the main CPU 20 blinks the selected icon of the symbol 43 and selects a CD of the icon and notifies the user that the details of the control of the symbol 42 are executed. Then, the main CPU 20 loads the selected particular CD and executes repeat reproduction.

[0042] FIGS. 6a through 6e are diagrams showing an operating procedure of the case of controlling the radio 11, the CD player device 12 and the CD changer device 13 in a third embodiment. Incidentally, control processing performed by the main CPU 20 in the third embodiment is nearly equal to control processing of the first embodiment shown in FIG. 4, so that a flowchart is omitted.

[0043] As shown in FIG. 6a, a symbol 44 (corresponding to a first symbol) and a symbol 45 (corresponding to a second symbol) are displayed on a screen of the display touch sensor 4. The symbol 44 is plural icons 44a, 44b, 44c showing plural devices (three in the case) which are control objects. Also, the symbol 45 is an icon showing channels which are details of the control.

[0044] The details of the control of channels have meaning different depending on the control objects. When the control object is the radio 11, the number of the channel is used for selection of a broadcast station. When the control object is the CD player device 12, the number of the channel is used for selection of music. When the control object is the CD changer device 13 (also as in the MD changer device 14), the number of the channel is used for selection of a disk (CD or MD).

[0045] As shown in FIG. 6b, when a user touches one icon (icon 44a of the radio in the case) of the symbol 44 with a finger 5 for a predetermined time (for example, two or three seconds) or longer as a predetermined instruction operation, the main CPU 20 detects the instruction operation through the touch sensor 4a and the interface circuit 30, and selects the icon 44a and the radio 11 corresponding to the icon 44a. In the case, the main CPU 20 blinks the corresponding icon 44a of the symbol 44 and notifies the user that the device corresponding to the touch of the finger is selected.

[0046] Then, as shown in FIG. 6c, when the user drags (moves) in a direction of an arrow of the drawing with the selected icon touched with the finger 5 as a predetermined movement operation, the main CPU 20 moves a display position of the icon in response to the movement operation. In the case, an icon whose contrast is weakened may be displayed in the original display position of the icon.

[0047] As shown in FIG. 6d, when the user moves the finger 5 in a touch state to an icon of the symbol 45 and stops the drag, a display position of the selected icon 44a overlaps